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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a broadband consumer, I want to encourage you to reject requests for deregulation. Having smaller local providers competing with big telephone companies provides consumers more choice, and often better prices.

We recently got fiber in our neighborhood which is only because a smaller local provider was able to invest in stringing fiber in our area - and they needed to connect to the larger companies to make this competition possible.

Overall, I suppose broadband competition.

Thanks.

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